GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Trade Proposals
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals on bilateral trade from the neighbouring countries;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions of the Government to spread the Indian business in the neighbouring countries; and
(c) the measures being taken by the Government to enhance cross-border trade with a view to promote economic growth and employment in the country particularly in North East Region?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (c) The Government continues to engage pro-actively with SAARC countries to strengthen trade and economic relations. Issues impacting bilateral trade, raised by these countries, are taken up for an early resolution. Bilateral and multilateral trade discussions are held with these countries from time to time, to explore mechanisms for enhancement of cross border trade.
Government has set up Border Haats at India-Bangladesh border to promote well-being of the people dwelling in remote areas by establishing traditional system of marketing the local produce through local markets.Issues relating to improvement of trade infrastructure in the form of upgradation of Land Custom Stations are also being coordinated between the concerned states and the neighbouring countries.
Further, assistance is provided under Market Access Initiative(MAI) and Market Development Assistance(MDA) schemes to Indian exporters, Export Promotion Councils, Apex Trade Bodies etc for participation in events in foreign countries, including countries in neighbourhood.
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